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Sir:

Pursuant to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicants hereby submit this Information Disclosure Statement, which includes a completed Form PTO/SB/08a and one copy of each non-U.S. reference listed thereon. The cited U.S. patents are not enclosed pursuant to the waiver of the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(ii) for U.S. national patent applications filed after June 30, 2003.

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The above-referenced application is the United States national phase of PCT Application No. PCT/AU2005/000160. Copies of the International Search Report (ISR) and the International Preliminary Report on Patentability (IPRP) are attached for the Examiner's convenience.

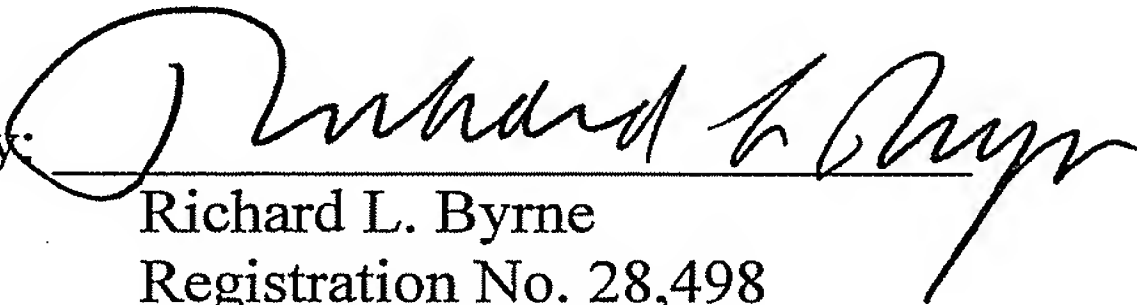
PCT Publication Nos. WO 01/34854 and WO 2004/096420, listed on Form PTO/SB/08a, are cited in the background art section of the specification on page 1. U.S. Patent No. 6,872,238 and U.S. Publication No. 2006/0256649, listed on Form PTO/SB/08a, are corresponding U.S. publications to WO 01/34854 and WO 2004/096420, respectively.

The ISR cites U.S. Patent Nos. 6,224,654, 5,626,651 and 3,883,324 and British Patent Application Publication No. 2087249, which are listed on Form PTO/SB/08a. It is noted that the prior art references identified in the ISR are all category A or state of the art references with respect to PCT claims 1-16. Further, it is noted that the IPRP states that PCT claims 1-32 meet the international criteria for patentability. Therefore, it is believed that pending claims 33-63, which are substantially similar to the PCT claims, are in condition for allowance.

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